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Award

NEET Prevention and Early Intervention Services

Liverpool City Council

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Scope

Reference

DN780642

Description

The Authority is looking to appoint a single Supplier to provide services to:

Support young people in Liverpool aged 16-17 and those aged up to 25 with an Education, Health, Care Plan, (EHCP) who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) with the aim of moving those young people into appropriate positive activity.

Support young people who have been identified at risk of NEET, in Year 11, as directed by the authority, as part of the NEET Prevention Strategy.

The Authority has identified 3 strands of engagement services which will be required.

Strand 1 - Post 16 Progression Workers

Strand 2 - Career Coaches

Strand 3 - Information, Advice & Guidance Officers

Contract 1

Supplier

- CAREER CONNECT

Contract value

- £2,422,500 excluding VAT
- £2,907,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

20 January 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

30 January 2026

Standstill period

- End: 10 February 2026

- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

11 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

If the suppliers performance meets the expected service requirements, and the services are still required (either in whole or part) then the Authority will consider the extension of the contract.

The contract can be extended up to 24 months

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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Additional services linked to NEET prevention or early intervention services may be required throughout the life of the contract.

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD72 - Liverpool

Information about tenders

- 7 tenders received
- 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 2 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

CAREER CONNECT

- Companies House: 04233289
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQXW-5439-RTBX

7th Floor Walker House

Liverpool

L2 3YL

United Kingdom

Email: bdt@careerconnect.org.uk

Website: <https://careerconnect.org.uk>

Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Liverpool City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRVY-7813-WLPG

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Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government